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Attorney Docket No.: LAM1P177/P1139

First Named Inventor: KANG

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**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL (37 CFR. § 1.53(b))**

Mail Stop Patent Application  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir: This is a request for filing a patent application under 37 CFR. § 1.53(b) in the name of inventors:  
**SEAN S. KANG, SANGHEON LEE, WAN-LIN CHEN, ERIC A. HUDSON,  
S. M. REZA SADJADI, and GAN MING ZHAO**

For: **REDUCTION OF FEATURE CRITICAL DIMENSIONS**

Assigned to: Lam Research Corporation

**Application Elements:**

- ☒ **31** Pages of Specification, Claims and Abstract
- ☒ **19** Sheets of Formal Drawings
- ☒ **3** Pages Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney

**Accompanying Application Parts:**

- ☒ Do not publish this application. Nonpublication Request is attached.
- ☒ Assignment and Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet (recording fee of \$40.00 enclosed)
- ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement by Assignee
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449
- ☒ Copies of IDS Citations
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard
- ☒ Other: Associate Power of Attorney

Claim For Foreign Priority

- ☐ Priority of      Application No.      filed on  
is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.
- ☐ The certified copy is enclosed.
- ☐ The certified copy has been filed in prior application U.S. Application No.
- ☐ The certified copy will follow.

Fee Calculation (37 CFR § 1.16)

- ☐ Applicant is entitled to Small Entity Status under 37 C.F.R. §1.27.

	(Col. 1) Total Claims		(Col. 2) Claims	(Col. 3) Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
TOTAL	26	MINUS	20	= 6	x 18 =	\$108.00
INDEP.	4	MINUS	3	= 1	x 84 =	\$84.00
[ ] First presentation of multiple dependent claim					\$280 =	
Basic Filing Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.16(a)					\$750 =	\$750.00
TOTAL						\$942.00
SMALL ENTITY 50% FILING FEE REDUCTION (if applicable)						

- ☒ Check No. 2362 in the amount of \$942.00 is enclosed in payment of basic filing and extra claims fees.  
Check No. 2363 in the amount of \$40.00 is enclosed in payment of assignment recordation fee.

- ☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees beyond the amount enclosed which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0388 (Order No. LAM1P177).

General Authorization for Petition for Extension of Time (37 CFR §1.136)


- ☒ Applicants hereby make and generally authorize any Petitions for Extensions of Time as may be needed for any subsequent filings. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any extension fees under 37 CFR §1.17 as may be needed to Deposit Account No. 50-0388 (Order No. LAM1P177).

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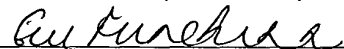
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**NONPUBLICATION REQUEST AND CERTIFICATION**  
**(35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i))**

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Sir:

I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen (18) months after filing. I hereby request that the attached application **NOT** be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b).

Date: August 26, 2003

  
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